

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1233
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dana "Tommy" Thomas
for his astute and laudable service to this State
and Nation.

WHEREAS, it is an honor for the members of this General Assembly to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted themselves to the protection of this great Nation through service in the United States Military, risking life and limb to ensure the continued freedom of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy soldier is Dana "Tommy" Thomas who gallantly served this Nation in the United States Army from August 5, 1945, until June 15, 1955; and

WHEREAS, born April 27, 1927, in Glade Springs, Virginia to Lundy and Pearl Osborne Thomas, Mr. Thomas and his family moved to Johnson City, Tennessee after the untimely passing of his father due to injuries sustained during World War I; and

WHEREAS, after being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945, Mr. Thomas underwent basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington and then received additional medical training which enabled him to serve in the Medical Corps; and

WHEREAS, before commencing service in Korea with the Second Medical Battalion of A Company, 7th Infantry Division in 1950, Mr. Thomas served at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, after completing a brave and valiant term of service in Korea, Mr. Thomas returned to the U.S. in January 1952, married Miss Jean Lundy, and was assigned to Fort Kilmer, New Jersey; after a brief tenure at Fort Kilmer, he once again received an international assignment, which stationed him in Japan with the 32nd Regimental 1st Calvary Unit; and

WHEREAS, remaining in Japan until his discharge from the Army in 1955, Mr. Thomas served with great acumen and alacrity, epitomizing the characteristics of courage and integrity that are so important to an outstanding soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Janet; he is also the proud father of four children and the doting grandfather of six; and

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas performed his duties in the U.S. Army with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism, bringing great honor to this State and Nation; now, therefore, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dana "Tommy" Thomas for his astute and laudable service to the citizens of this State and Nation through his outstanding tenure in the United States Army and we extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.